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THE SEASON.

The prospect of abundant harvest is good. Hay must be plenty in all the northern and middle States for there has been no lack of rain and the winter was favorable to the grass roots. Through the whole of New York there has been wet enough, and the corn and wheat has been well. In aid about New York fields of corn are seen. It is not yet so large as in our good fields near Boston, yet it looks strong and healthy.

As the traveler passes west, from Utica, he sees fewer fields of corn, and but very few in the vicinity of Buffalo and Niagara. Here the surface of the earth had become pretty dry on the 14th instant, but not dry enough to injure vegetation. No where was heard any complaint of the season except the very common one that it is cold and backward; yet those who make accurate observations will see but little ground for such a complaint. For what we must look to for the west.

Apples must be very plenty this year. The trees are all loaded, and it is rather too late for frost to cut off the fruit. We shall have peaches too in the face of all the prophecies that were uttered in March.

In an article in the last Ploughman giving an account of a jump up North river to Albany, some news was taken of Newburgh on the western side of the river; but nothing was said of the old house that was once the Headquarters of Gen. Washington. The old building is quite low and does not look half as good as it once did. We all examined it with much interest as we passed up the river in the steamer.

The corn crop in Western New York is not so forward as in Massachusetts. The weather near Buffalo and Niagara Falls has been more dry than Albany and Boston. It has been cold too till the 15th, but grass in that quarter looks well. Not so much wheat was seen growing between Albany and Buffalo as was expected. Many farmers there prefer buying flour from the new countries west.

We learn by a letter from Mr. J. W. Tuttle of Acton, that a terrific hail storm occurred there on Wednesday night. The largest hail stones measured one and a half by one inch in diameter, breaking much glass; in one instance 40 lights out of 60 in windows of his own house. In many houses the number of lights broken exceeds 100 each. The storm lasted 5 to 8 minutes with very little rain, and not covering a space of more than four miles wide.

The Salem Register of Thursday states that a woman jumped from the cars on to the Beverly bridge. The cars were stopped and she was taken up again, not having sustained much injury. She said she thought the train had passed Beverly and as she did not wish to go further she would jump off.

The 17th. On Saturday the anniversary of Bucken Hill battle was celebrated by the "United Americans." The "Continental Guards" from New York were in the procession. They were dressed in the old Continental uniform and of course looked well. The oration was delivered by F. A. Tallmadge, Esq.

Col. May has received orders from Washington to discharge all the recruits enlisted for the war in Garrison at Cambridge, Pa. Where are the 20,000 new recruits that the President has been urging Congress to raise? Would not he do well to nullify those messages that demanded such a standing army?

Our first and fourth pages will be read with much interest. They were well filled in the editor's store.

The cut on our first page was procured with much labor. It is a complete representation of the Coshia-China Fowls.

It will be seen in our price current that that barrel beef is higher than it has been. Butter and cheese lower—hay is down, and will probably rise. New potatoes are on sale at 75 cents per bushel—new corn, from the south, 75 cents per bushel. Corn is plenty. Strawberries hold their own well considering that "money is scarce."

Mr. King, from the Library Committee of the House, has reported a Joint resolution in favor of authorizing the erection of a granite monument to the memory of J. Q. Adams—to be placed in the Congressional burying-ground.

Reduction of Fare. We are told that on the Fitchburg road the fare has been reduced one fifth. Will the Boston and Worcester carriers reduce? See if it will.

REV. HORACE FOOT and wife sailed from this port on Thursday as Missionaries of the American Board, which has now under its care about 500 devoted laborers at 95 foreign stations.

The thermometer at eleven o'clock yesterday stood at 80 degrees in State st.—15 lower than last Saturday at two.

The steamship Acadia sailed from New York, Wednesday, with 50 passengers and 122-116 in specie.

There are said to be employed on the New York canal no less than 41,000 persons, men, women and children.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HISTORY OF THE GIRONDES. This is published by Harper & Brothers, in three volumes, with three fine engravings of Robespierre, Madame Roland and Charlotte Corday. Lamartine is the author. He narrates the personal Memoirs of the patriots of the "French Revolution." It is full of private details of a memorable epoch. We are much pleased at reading these historical memoirs and recommended as many to have the opportunity to procure these volumes and trace out the events of real tragedies in which French men and women of the last century took part.

W. D. Ticknor & Co. are agents for Harper & Brothers, in this city.

CONSTITUTIONS OF FRANCE. We have received a well-printed pamphlet volume of 156 pages, containing "The Constitutions of France, Monarchical and Republican, with brief historical remarks relating to their origin and the late Orleans dynasty." By Bernard Reolier. It is published at 131 Washington St., by James Munroe & Co.

HOVEY'S Magazine of Horticulture for June contains descriptions and outlines of the "Walpole," a new apple, ripening on the 1st of September; "Peck's Pleasant," a fine winter apple; and "Beauty of Kent," a large English apple; also an article on the culture of the Fig by the editor of the magazine.

Rolling & Co. 8 State street have "The Farmer's Library and Monthly Journal of Agriculture for June," edited by J. S. Skinner Esq.

PEACHES, new potatoes, tomatoes, fine strawberries and fine figs flowers made an excellent exhibition at the Horticultural Hall on Saturday.

LATER FROM MEXICO. The evening papers contain, in a telegraphic dispatch from New York, some later items of the movements in Mexico, received by an arrival at New Orleans, viz.

The troops were moving toward the sea coast. Gen. Patterson's division left the city of Mexico on the 30th. Marshall's was to leave on the 31st. Gen. Taylor's Command was to leave on the 1st inst. The latter was still at Queretaro, unwell.

Gen. Butler had put a stop to the Yucatan expedition. Col. Buckhead was expected at Vera Cruz, from Orizaba, on the 6th of June.

Herrera was elected President of the Republic of Mexico by the vote of eleven States; Santa Anna had three votes. The latter is believed to be still in correspondence with his friends in the Mexican Congress.

A law was presented in the Mexican Congress for colonizing the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Propositions were also presented for the compensation of the army and navy, concerning public security, and for the reduction of convents.

The deserters known as the St. Patrick prisoners have been pardoned. Commissioner Sewall has announced to the Mexican Government that Commissioner Clifford would be the resident Minister in Mexico.

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA MADRE.—MORE REASSURANCES. The New Orleans Delta writes that Dun John F. G. Carey had arrived in this city for the purpose of procuring a printing press and the necessary materials to commence at Tampico the publication of a journal devoted to the establishment of the Republic of Sierra Madre.

The Delta learns from Senor Carera, that the plan which has been conceived and agreed upon at Tampico, embraces the states of Tamaulipas, Vera Cruz, and the states of Yucatan and Chiapas, with an invitation to the adjacent states to join in the movement.

The Delta thinks that many of the Mexicans are ripe for the movement, and that all they will need is the aid of some of our gallant volunteers and a supply of ammunition, and suggests that there will be an armistice of at least 40,000 American soldiers in the new Republic, as soon as it is proclaimed, ready to take the law into their own hands.

This second edition of the Texas conspiracy was expected, but hardly as such. Of course when this country shall have been subjugated by American arms, the people (i. e. the Mexicans) will have no choice but to accept the peace, and will re-establish slavery and ask to be admitted into the American Union. We will have a right to do as we please and will re-nex them. [New York Tribune.]

RAVAGES OF THE STORM. The storm on Monday evening appears to have been very much more severe in Trenton, N. J. and vicinity. Eight men were killed, and many others injured. At Bordentown, a few miles below, a house was struck and partially consumed by the electricity from the clouds. The news gives a disastrous chapter of damages in Trenton, by which it appears that the flood was unprecedented in that place, the foundations of several buildings were undermined, much property was destroyed, and one man was struck by lightning and killed.

LAMARTINE. Mr. Walsh writes to the National Intelligencer from Paris, "Lamartine is certainly a man of great intellect, but he is too late to be called upon in all hours of difficulty and danger to stand forth as the champion of peace and order, and in that position he would have done his duty, and been hailed with acclamation. But the danger over, he is charged with a duty of wisdom and discretion, because he uniformly remains true to that mild and moderate course which he has so successfully pursued since February."

FATAL ACCIDENT. Mr. Josiah Blakelee of New-Haven was instantly killed, by falling from the top of the frame of the steeple of the New Congregational Church now erecting in that city. He had ascended at the request of the workmen, and inadvertently stepping on a loose plank, was precipitated some forty feet into the cellar, striking his head against a pile of stones.

FROM VERA CRUZ. Explosion and Loss of Life. The Vera Cruz correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune details the story of an explosion of powder, by which a number of lives were lost, and much property destroyed, in the place of Vera Cruz, June 3. Our city has been thrown into a terrible excitement by an accident which occurred on Saturday night, in the lower part of the city. An awful explosion of powder took place, causing the death of from twelve to twenty persons, most of them women.

I have just returned from a visit to the scene of the accident, where I remained some hours, and saw the bodies of three women removed from the ruins, horribly mutilated. Up to this time seven bodies have been recovered—four of those of women, and one of a man. Two men and one woman have been taken out wounded.

The house in which the explosion took place was occupied by five Mexican workmen, and for the purpose of the explosion of powder. It was a small house, and was situated in the lower part of the city. A part of the front room below was occupied by two Spanish workmen, and the rest of the room was filled with much kind of powder. The explosion was caused by the carelessness of one of the workmen, who was engaged in loading the powder into a bag.

At the time of the explosion, Gen. Smith was only about two doors above the house, and I may say barely escaped being killed.

MACKEREL FISHERY. The vessels which have been mackereling this spring, off Cape May, have been very successful. One vessel arrived here last week, having been absent about six weeks, bringing forth of twenty barrels. The whole fleet have averaged less than one hundred barrels. From other places have not done much better. [Gloucester Telegraph.]

FIRE AT KENE. The mill of the Swaney Factory Company, two miles from Keene village, was burned on Thursday night last week. The fixed machinery was consumed, but the stock, tools, and movable articles, mostly saved.

An apothecary in New York was convicted, on Thursday, of manslaughter, for carelessly selling laudanum instead of tincture of rhubarb, and thereby causing the death of an individual to whom it was given.

The Girard College is almost a failure at last. The architect has come out in a regular report against the work of his own genius, and declares that the reverberations of the recitation rooms is so deafening, that they will be useless for the purpose of instruction. The remedy proposed is to line the Gothic arches with false plain ceilings.

FRAMINGHAM BRANCH RAILROAD. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Framingham Branch Railroad, on Wednesday, the following gentlemen were chosen Directors, viz: Ebenezer Barker of Framingham, John Wenzel, Simon Whitney and James Lowell. The latter is a member of the Board of Wayland, Marshall S. Jones of Weston, and Moses M. Rice of Cambridge.

SHIP WRECK. Mr. John P. Hill, for many years in the employ of the city as driver of the Almshouse, died on Wednesday morning of ship fever. This is the fourth person employed by the city, who has died within a very short time of this fatal disease.

GENERAL TAYLOR. We understand, says the Vicksburg Whig, by a friend just up the river, that General Taylor is to be in the place of General Brooke, as commanding officer at New Orleans, and that the latter will resume his old command at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

SHOOTING. Intelligence was received here yesterday that Mr. Edward Bloomfield Phillips, a graduate of Harvard College in 1845, and a young man of twenty-two or three years of age, shot himself in his room at the Mount Hope House, Brattleboro, Vermont on Tuesday. He was a son of the late Edward Phillips of this city, and had recently come into possession of a property estimated at upwards of half million of dollars. An affair of the heart is said to have been the cause of the rash act. The mother and sister of the deceased reside at Cambridgeport. [Transcript.]

THE FOURIER ASSOCIATION, which was established on Lick Creek, in this country, and which for a time was supposed to be doing well, is now dissolved, and a partition of the property is being made. The property was divided into three parts, one of which was sold, and the proceeds were distributed among the members. The property was divided into three parts, one of which was sold, and the proceeds were distributed among the members.

A FOOLISH AND MIDDLEBURY. In Rochester, last week, a young man named Middlebury, a young man of 18 years of age, was killed by a horse. He was riding a horse named Middlebury, and was killed by a horse named Middlebury. He was riding a horse named Middlebury, and was killed by a horse named Middlebury.

REPORTED ROBBERY. Enoch H. Emery, of Manchester, New Hampshire, has been reported to have been robbed of \$100 by a man named Middlebury. The robbery took place on the 10th inst., and the man named Middlebury was seen running away with the money.

ACQUITTED. In the case of the four Irishmen tried in Salem for the murder of Curran, the jury on Saturday returned a verdict of not guilty. They were discharged.

THE GREAT PREMIUM. The sealed bids for the loan of sixteen millions of dollars were opened yesterday, at 3 o'clock, by Mr. Young, the able and worthy chief clerk of the treasury. In the presence of the secretary, of the heads of bureaus, and of the principal bidders and spectators in the large entrance hall of the treasury department. The time taken up in opening and arranging the bids was more than two hours.

The total amount bid was \$20,333,140, nearly five dollars a premium above the sum for which the loan was to be made. The whole loan was bid for in the name of "Corcoran & Riggs, for themselves, Baring Brothers & Co., of London, and others," at a premium of \$3 2-100, the premium offered by them above par amounting \$8,483,200. They were the highest bidder, and secured the loan at a premium of \$3 2-100, the premium offered by them above par amounting \$8,483,200.

When we consider the result with the loss of forty-six millions of dollars by discounts on the government loans during the war of 1812, as shown by the committee of ways and means in a report to congress in 1830, and the sale of one and three quarters of millions of dollars of United States six per cent. twenty years stock at a loss, by discount, of 1 1/2 per cent., as late as 1844, in a time of profound peace, the present loan of sixteen millions of dollars, at the present rate, must be a subject of universal congratulation by men of all parties throughout the country.

We perceive, besides their numerous other correspondents, that Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., of London, and others, are associated with Messrs. Corcoran & Riggs in their bid. So far as the loan is thus taken on foreign account, it would of course tend to increase the demand for gold and silver in the country. Mr. Secretary Walker is most fortunate in having, by a postponement of seventeen days, succeeded in fixing the day for opening the bids for the loan of sixteen millions of dollars, to be made before the peace was made, and the probability is that it will be a very fine day.

THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AT SOUTH BOSTON. The Grand Jury paid an official visit to these establishments on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by S. D. Parker, Esq., the Attorney for the Commonwealth. The Grand Jury was met by the warden, and the warden made a report of the state of the institutions. The Grand Jury was met by the warden, and the warden made a report of the state of the institutions.

FROM VERA CRUZ. We are in receipt of files of the Free America to the 3d inst., by the U. S. transport ship, the "Albatross," which left Vera Cruz on the 4th inst. and arrived at the Balize in six days. The official announcement of the ratification of the treaty by the Mexican government, having been received at Vera Cruz, the 100 troops of Company F, 4th infantry, company K, 6th infantry, and 33 recruits for general service, were not permitted to land, but were ordered to return to this city. As soon, therefore, as Capt. Howe's company of 75 men, and the recruits, and the 100 troops of Company F, 4th infantry, company K, 6th infantry, and 33 recruits for general service, were not permitted to land, but were ordered to return to this city.

THE AGAWAM BANK COUNTERFEITS. George M. Gibson, a broker in Change Avenue, and Charles J. Gibson, a clerk in the same office, were arrested on Saturday morning, and taken to the police office. They were charged with having counterfeited the Agawam Bank, Springfield, 40 cents, and 25 cents, and 10 cents, and 5 cents, and 2 cents, and 1 cent, and 1/2 cent, and 1/4 cent, and 1/8 cent, and 1/16 cent, and 1/32 cent, and 1/64 cent, and 1/128 cent, and 1/256 cent, and 1/512 cent, and 1/1024 cent, and 1/2048 cent, and 1/4096 cent, and 1/8192 cent, and 1/16384 cent, and 1/32768 cent, and 1/65536 cent, and 1/131072 cent, and 1/262144 cent, and 1/524288 cent, and 1/1048576 cent, and 1/2097152 cent, and 1/4194304 cent, and 1/8388608 cent, and 1/16777216 cent, and 1/33554432 cent, and 1/67108864 cent, and 1/134217728 cent, and 1/268435456 cent, and 1/536870912 cent, and 1/1073741824 cent, and 1/2147483648 cent, and 1/4294967296 cent, and 1/8589934592 cent, and 1/17179869184 cent, and 1/34359738368 cent, and 1/68719476736 cent, and 1/137438953472 cent, and 1/274877906944 cent, and 1/549755813888 cent, and 1/1099511627776 cent, and 1/2199023255552 cent, and 1/4398046511104 cent, and 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